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SUBJECT: CONSULAR PACKAGE SUBMISSION FY 1979

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1. FY-1979 CONSULAR PACKAGE SUBMISSION WITH EXCEPTION OF SCHEDULE VI, H, POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT AS MOSCOW A-137 ON MAY 7, 1977. NARRATIVE AS REQUESTED SCHEDULE VI, H IS TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY BELOW BECAUSE OF ITS CLASSIFICATION.

2. "CONSULAR WORK IN MOSCOW IS HIGHLY POLITICAL. CONSULAR OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO DEAL WITH A WIDE RANGE OF PROBLEMS INCLUDING FAMILY REUNIFICATION, ACCESS TO THE EMBASSY, AND CERTAIN WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS CASES WHICH ARE POLITICALLY SENSITIVE BECAUSE OF THE OVERALL IMPORTANCE OF US/USSR RELATIONS AND THE GREAT SENSITIVITY OF US PUBLIC OPINION TO SOVIET BEHAVIOR. MOREOVER, CONSULAR OFFICERS ARE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EMBASSY'S OVERALL POLITICAL REPORTING MISSION BASED ON INTER-VIEWS WITH VISA APPLICANTS, OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL SOVIET CONTACTS, COORDINATION WITH FRIENDLY EMBASSIES AND INTERNAL TRAVEL. DURING FY 1976 AND 1977 THE CONSULAR SECTION HAS ALSO BEEN TASKED WITH CARRYING OUT SEVERAL TIME CONSUMING AND SENSITIVE SPECIAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING CONSULAR REVIEW TALKS WITH THE SOVIET MFA, REQUESTS TO THE

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MFA FOR SOVIET WAR CRIMES EVIDENCE ON PERSONS RESIDING IN THE US, CSCE MONITORING AND REPORTING ON JEWISH EMIGRATION TO THE US AND ISRAEL. THE ARREST, TRIAL AND IMPRISONMENT OF THREE AMERICAN CITIZENS BY THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES REQUIRED PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE HANDLING AND CONSUMED LARGE NUMBERS OF AMERICAN OFFICER MAN HOURS. TRAINING ALSO REQUIRED A LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICAN MAN HOURS

IN FY 76 AND 77 BECAUSE OF THE VERY SIGNIFICANT AMERICAN OFFICER AND SECRETARIAL TURNOVER DURING THE PERIOD.

3. FINALLY, MANY MAN HOURS ARE CONSUMED AT THIS POST IN TRANSLATING TO AND FROM RUSSIAN AND TRANSLITERATING FROM THE CYRILLIC INTO THE LATIN ALPHABET FOR VISA AND PASSPORT FORMS.

4. THE EMBASSY HAS NO WAY AT THIS TIME OF PROGNOSTICATING WHAT PORTION OF ITS WORKLOAD, IF ANY, WILL BE ABSORBED BY CONGEN KIEV WHEN IT OPENS FOR BUSINESS APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS HENCE. ITS GREATEST IMPACT WILL PROBABLY BE IN SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES AND ISSUANCES OF B-2 VISAS TO SOVIET PRIVATE VISITORS AND THIRD-COUNTRY STUDENTS." MATLOCK

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